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Claim 17 (Amended) A virus containing the recombinant construct as defined by claim 1 and as produced according to [claim 16] a method for the production of a mild strain of potyvirus comprising incoculating plants with the recombinant potyvirus infectious construct and collecting the results progeny.

Claim 18 (Amended) Produce inoculated with the recombinant construct as defined in [the preceding claims] <u>claim 1</u> and in the method according to [claim 13] <u>a method for providing protection against viral infection in plants comprising inoculating plants with the recombinant potyvirus infectious construct.</u>

plaim 20 (Amended) Compositions for plant inoculation or for transient expression of foreign nucleic acid in plants containing, as an active ingredient, the recombinant construct according to claim 1 [-12] or a virus containing the recombinant construct according to [claim 17] a virus containing the recombinant construct and as produced according to a method for the production of a mild strain of potyvirus comprising incoculating plants with the recombinant potyvirus infectious construct and collecting the results progeny.